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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph to the beginning of the application, after the title:

### Related Application

This case is a division of Application Serial No. SN 09/603,059, filed June 26, 2000, now  
US Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13 to 20.

Please replace existing claims 1 to 12 with the following new claims:

1. A process for removing an organic contaminant from a surface comprising contacting the contaminant with a cleaning composition comprising at least one cleaning member selected from the group consisting of

- (a) organic esters having 6 to 10 carbon atoms other than isobutyl isobutyrate,
- (b) mixtures containing at least three esters selected from hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, and decyl acetates,
- (c) propylene carbonate, and
- (d) naturally-occurring esters having flash points of greater than 60°F and boiling points greater than 120° F.

2. The process of claim 1, wherein a contaminant selected from the group consisting of dried latex paint, uncured organic solvent based paint, adhesives, ink, chewing gum, tars, greases, glues, animal fats, vegetable oils, tree sap and other lipophilic soil is removed by contact with the cleaning composition.

3. The process of claim 2, wherein the contaminant is dried latex paint.

4. The process of claim 2, wherein the cleaning composition comprises at least 10 wt.% cleaning member.

5. The process of claim 4, wherein the composition contains at least 10 wt.% of a liquid carrier other than the cleaning member.

6. The process of claim 5, wherein the cleaning member is dissolved in an organic solvent exhibiting a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4).

7. The process of claim 6, wherein the liquid carrier has an MIR of 2.0 or less.

8. The process of claim 6, wherein the composition has a flash point of at least about 100°F.

9. The process of claim 8, wherein the composition exhibits a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4).

10. The process of claim 5, wherein the composition has an MIR of 2.0 or less.

11. The process of claim 10, wherein the composition is substantially free of aromatic compounds and alkali metal hydroxides.
12. The process of claim 1, wherein the composition contains water.

## REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to delete the subject matter prosecuted in parent application SN 09/603,059, filed June 26, 2000, which has now been allowed.

A marked-up copy of the claims of the parent application showing these changes is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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## MARKED-UP CLAIMS FROM PARENT APPLICATION

1. (amended) A process for removing an organic contaminant from a surface comprising contacting the contaminant with a cleaning composition comprising at least one cleaning member selected from the group consisting of

[(a) isobutyl isobutyrate]

[(b)] (a) organic esters [other than isobutyl isobutyrate] having 6 to 10 carbon atoms other than isobutyl isobutyrate,

[(c)] (b) mixtures containing at least three esters selected from hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, and decyl acetates,

[(d)] (c) propylene carbonate, and

[(e)] (e) naturally-occurring esters having flash points of greater than 60°F and boiling points greater than 120°F.

2.(amended) The process of claim 1, wherein a contaminant selected from the group consisting of dried latex paint, uncured organic solvent based paint, adhesives, ink, chewing gum, tars, greases, glues, animal fats, vegetable oils, tree sap and other lipophilic soil is removed by contact with [isobutyl isobutyrate] the cleaning composition.

3. The process of claim 2, wherein the contaminant is dried latex paint.

4.(amended) The process of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises at least 10 wt.% [isobutyl isobutyrate] cleaning member.

5.(amended) The process of claim 4, wherein the composition contains at least 10 wt.% of a liquid carrier other than [isobutyl isobutyrate] the cleaning member.

6.(amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the [isobutyl isobutyrate] cleaning member is dissolved in an organic solvent exhibiting a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4)

7.(amended) The process of claim 6, wherein the liquid carrier has an MIR of [2] 2.0 or less.

8. The process of claim 6, wherein the composition has a flash point of at least about 100°F.

9. The process of claim 8, wherein the composition exhibits a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4).

10. The process of claim 5, wherein the composition has an MIR of 2.0 or less.
11. The process of claim 10, wherein the composition is substantially free of aromatic compounds and alkali metal hydroxides.
12. The process of claim 1, wherein the composition contains water.